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Public Hearings Scheduled for We Energies Rate Case

MADISON – The Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold public hearings on November 15, 2005, in Madison, Milwaukee, Pewaukee and Racine on a request to increase electric and natural gas service rates from We Energies.

We Energies requested to increase electric rates by approximately 11%. They have also requested to increase natural gas prices by 4.8% for Wisconsin Electric Gas Operations and 6.5% for Wisconsin Gas Company.

When a utility requests a change in rates, the PSC conducts a thorough audit of the utility's forecasted expenses and revenues. The agency will look at the amount We Energies needs to provide a reliable source of energy to customers, which includes costs for maintenance, new construction, environmental protection and employee wages. The Commission will also consider the increased costs of natural gas and coal when making a decision.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearings and provide testimony on We Energies' rate request. All testimony will be included in the record, which the Commission will review as it prepares to make a decision on the amount of money We Energies needs to prudently provide reliable service and sets new rates. The PSC also accepts written comments at the public hearings, through mail or electronically through the website at: <http://psc.wi.gov/> until November 15, 2005. The hearings will be broadcasted simultaneously from four different locations at the following times:

Tuesday, November 15th
1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Public Service Commission
Amnicon Falls Hearing Room, 1st floor
610 N. Whitney Way
Madison, WI

Milwaukee Area Technical College
700 West State Street
Milwaukee, WI

Waukesha Technical College
Pewaukee Campus
800 Main Street
Pewaukee, WI

Gateway Technical College
Racine Campus, Lake Building
1001 South Main Street
Racine, WI

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The hearing locations are accessible to people with wheelchairs. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Thomas Ferris at 608-266-1124.

The rate request was submitted by Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas Company d/b/a We Energies. Documents associated with their application, can be viewed on the PSC's Electronic Repository System at <http://psc.wi.gov/>. Click on ERF System, select Search Electronic Repository System and enter docket 5-UR-102.

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